

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.
DCF 120

Amendment No. if Applicable

FISCAL ESTIMATE
DOA-2048 N(R03/97)
☒ ORIGINAL ☐ UPDATED
☐ CORRECTED ☐ SUPPLEMENTAL
Subject

Emergency Assistance for Needy Families

Fiscal EffectState: ☒ No State Fiscal EffectCheck columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation
or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.☐ Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb
Within Agency's Budget ☐ Yes ☐ No
☐ Increase Existing Appropriation ☐ Increase Existing Revenues
☐ Decrease Existing Appropriation ☐ Decrease Existing Revenues
☐ Create New Appropriation
☐ Decrease CostsLocal: ☒ No local government costs
1. ☐ Increase Costs
☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory
2. ☐ Decrease Costs
☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory

3. ☐ Increase Revenues
☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory
4. ☐ Decrease Revenues
☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:
☐ Towns ☐ Villages ☐ Cities
☐ Counties ☐ Others _____
☐ School Districts ☐ WTCS Districts
Fund Sources Affected☐ GPR ☐ FED ☐ PRO ☐ PRS ☐ SEG ☐ SEG-S**Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations****Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

The proposed rule changes the amounts eligible families would receive by increasing the amounts for smaller size families and decreasing the amounts for larger size families. The amounts were arrived at by attempting to make the overall fiscal impact cost neutral that is within the existing amount of funds allocated for emergency assistance. Average family sizes receiving emergency assistance grants in SFY 07-08 were used in the calculation.

The rule also changes the amount payable to an eligible family due to energy crisis from the current unlimited level to a maximum of \$500. This change will allow the agency to use funds otherwise going to pay for energy services to pay for other emergencies.

In addition, the rule allows a payment to families who are renters and in a situation where the building they are living in is subject to foreclosure. While this will increase the number of cases eligible for emergency assistance it is estimated to be within what the current allocation can absorb.

The proposed rule also changes the method for determining financial eligibility to make it similar to the eligibility criteria for W-2. This change is not expected to have a significant fiscal effect because many agencies already applied the W-2 criteria due to confusing language in the current rule.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

None

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